

**“MAKE YOUR HOME SECURE:
Burglary Prevention Checklist”**
offers general tips and suggestions.

For further information or to arrange for a burglary prevention
presentation for community organizations call:

NCPD Public Information Office at 516.573.7135

or the

NCPD Crimes Against Property Squad at 516.573.5275.

For a security survey of your home,
contact your local precinct.

For Precinct locations, see inside back cover.

In an emergency, dial 911.

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Burglary Prevention Checklist

Burglary is a major crime and a significant threat to homeowners. Although statistics show that most burglaries occur in single home residences, people who live in multi-family dwellings such as condominiums and apartment buildings are also at risk.

Burglary prevention consists of more than having a burglar alarm system. To help reduce the risk of being the victim of a burglary, use the enclosed “Burglary Prevention Checklist”.



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www.co.nassau.ny.us/police.

Emergencies: 911

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FIRST PRECINCT <i>900 Merrick Road, Baldwin, N.Y. 11510</i>	516-573-6100
SECOND PRECINCT <i>7700 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, N.Y. 11797</i>	516-573-6200
THIRD PRECINCT <i>214 Hillside Avenue, Williston Park, N.Y. 11596</i>	516-573-6300
FOURTH PRECINCT <i>1699 Broadway, Hewlett, N.Y. 11557</i>	516-573-6400
FIFTH PRECINCT <i>1655 Dutch Broadway, Elmont, N.Y. 11003</i>	516-573-6500
SIXTH PRECINCT <i>100 Community Drive, Manhasset, N.Y. 11030</i>	516-573-6600
SEVENTH PRECINCT <i>3636 Merrick Road, Seaford, N.Y. 11783</i>	516-573-6700
EIGHTH PRECINCT <i>286 Wantagh Avenue, Levittown, N.Y. 11756</i>	516-573-6800

Burglary Prevention Checklist *(cont'd)*

Securing the *inside* of your home.

- ☐ Even if you have an alarm system, be alert when leaving or entering your home. If you notice someone or something suspicious, report it to the police immediately.

Notes:

Burglary prevention is an ongoing pursuit. The Nassau County Police Department suggests that you keep this checklist handy for future inspections of your home.

Most burglaries are crimes of opportunity. By making the opportunity less attractive, there is a better chance that your home will not be a target.

What burglars look for:

Burglars look for houses that have:

- The appearance of being unoccupied.
- No lights on and are dark at sunset.
- No car in the driveway.
- Doors and windows blocked by shrubbery.
- Mail sticking out of the mailbox.
- Papers on the front lawn or stoop.
- Curtains that are closed during the daylight hours.
- Outside alarm siren boxes.

“Target Hardening” your home:

To help prevent your home from becoming a target:

- Walk around your home.
- Make a list for easy points of entry for an intruder.

Even if you have an alarm system, be alert when leaving or entering your home. If you notice someone or something suspicious, report it to the police immediately.

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Securing the *outside* of your home.

- ☐ Prune overgrown shrubbery that hides windows and doors.
- ☐ Make alarm stickers visible on doors and windows; they should be easily seen from the street and sidewalk.
- ☐ Keep a car in the driveway, if possible.
- ☐ Place a dog bowl or dog chain on your property to give the appearance of canine security.
- ☐ Do not have packages left in the doorway all day; arrange for a delivery time when you or a neighbor can pick them up.
- ☐ Do not keep garbage cans at the curb all day; if you cannot stay home, use plastic bags instead of garbage cans.
- ☐ Eliminate the outside mailbox; insert a mail slot in the front door or garage.
- ☐ Install outside motion detection lights at the corner of your home and high enough so that the intruder is unable to unscrew the bulbs.
- ☐ Have outside doors of solid core of metal clad; steel doors and frames are the most secure while hollow doors with wood frames are easily kicked in.

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Securing *points of entry* into your home.

- ☐ Do not have front doors with side glass panels since they are easy to break and allow the intruder to reach inside and unlock the door.
- ☐ Use dead bolts with a one-inch throw since the mechanism is difficult to pry or jimmy open.
- ☐ Ensure that sliding glass doors and windows have metal pins or a metal bar installed to prevent being pried open.
- ☐ Set inside lights on timers to turn them on at dusk.
- ☐ Do not place valuables in bureau drawers in the master bedroom; this is the first area where a burglar looks. Lock valuables in the attic or basement.
- ☐ Mark valuables with your driver's license number to make them easy to trace if found on a burglar.

To help prevent your home from becoming a target:

- ***Walk around your home.***
- ***Make a list for easy points of entry***
- ***Take care of the problems.***